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SUBJ: TUNA BOAT SEIZURES: CONVERSATION WITH SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ,
FEBRUARY 10

REF: A. STATE 030238; B. QUITO 0991

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL A FEBRUARY 10 (AND IT UNFORTUNATELY WAS NOT RECEIVED HERE UNTIL 9:00P.M.), I IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED FONMIN SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ. I ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW ABOUT THE INCIDENT IN SALINAS, AND HE SAID THAT HE DID BUT THAT FORTUNATELY NO ONE HAD BEEN INJURED. VALDEZ TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE ALMEIDA AND WITH ADMIRAL VASQUEZ, CNO OF THE NAVY, TO ASK THAT MORE EXPERIENCED GUARDS BE PLACED ON THE SHIPS.

2. I THEN TOLD VALDEZ THAT SUBSECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES RODRIGUEZ WAS REQUESTING A LETTER FROM ME BEFORE ANY KIND OF A BUYBACK ARRANGEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR THE FISH ON BOARD. I SAID THIS SEEMED A RATHER CURIOUS REQUIREMENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE I WAS INFORMED THAT CONVERSATIONS HAD IN FACT BEEN GOING ON SINCE FEBRUARY 8 BETWEEN EPNA REPRESENTATIVE AND VESSEL OWNERS' REPRESENTATIVES IN GUAYAQUIL.

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VALDEZ DISAGREED WITH RODRIGUEZ' REQUEST FOR A LETTER FROM

ME, SAYING THAT PERHAPS A LETTER FROM THE SHIP CAPTAINS OR THE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD SUFFICE. IN ANY EVENT, VALDEZ ADDED, THE MATTER MUST WAIT UNTIL WEDNESDAY MORNING AND THE END OF CARNIVAL, AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. COMMENT: VALDEZ' COMMENTS ABOUT THE LETTER FROM ME NOTWITHSTANDING, I STILL WISH TO GO AHEAD WITH THE LETTER TRANSMITTED BY REF B IN ORDER THAT THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY HAVE NO EXCUSE TO DELAY ACTION ON THE RELEASE OF THE BOATS.

4. ADVISE.
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